

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

By Moore

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable organizations that, through the extraordinary efforts of their members, have improved the quality of life for Tennesseans and contributed enormously to the economic development of our great State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy institution is the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, whose members have labored assiduously for fifty years to promote the commercial, financial, industrial, and civic interests of the Goodlettsville community; and

WHEREAS, the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1961 when a group of local merchants, who were wholly committed to protecting and promoting commerce, united to foster a prosperous business community in the Goodlettsville area; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Ben Page, the chamber's first president, seventy charter members held their inaugural meeting at the Community House, with the ladies of the Presbyterian Church graciously providing a refreshing meal; and

WHEREAS, since that pivotal day, the chamber has stood as a true champion of Goodlettsville and has consistently campaigned for those vital economic developments that encourage prosperity and create a better quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, its members have effectively advocated for Christmas decorations in downtown Goodlettsville, sponsored safety campaigns for the city's streets, lobbied for a better sewer system, and convinced the appropriate governmental entities to create the Long Hollow

Pike interchange at I-65, which led to the unprecedented growth of both local tourism and commerce; and

WHEREAS, today, the chamber serves more than 400 member businesses with a variety of programs, services, and initiatives that address every aspect of modern business recruitment, retention, and development; and

WHEREAS, lending its full support to new businesses, the chamber expertly assists them in their relocation efforts and site selection, guides them through the licensing and permitting process, and explains the relevant regulations and codes; and

WHEREAS, established businesses enjoy the chamber's unique environment, in which they can discuss common problems and develop innovative solutions at monthly luncheons and after-hour mixers. Local business leaders have gleaned indispensable information at the chamber's seminars on how to promote a business, develop a business or marketing plan, obtain financing, and hire competent employees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to offering a myriad of services to local businesses, the Chamber is also an invaluable resource for new residents, providing them with current information on the area's schools, churches, shopping locations, recreation, utilities, trash pick-up, and voting locations; and

WHEREAS, having always enjoyed a strong alliance with the City of Goodlettsville, the chamber has continually partnered with the city to launch extraordinary initiatives such as the Tourism and Economic Development Program; and

WHEREAS, constantly seeking new opportunities to support its city, the chamber heartily promotes a plethora of community activities and events, including golf tournaments, Christmas parades, the National Day of Prayer, Recycling Day, the Goodlettsville Help Center, and countless other programs that make Goodlettsville an ideal location for its citizens to live, work, and raise their families; and

WHEREAS, for the past half-century, the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce has endeavored to advance their extraordinary city and help the city's businesses capitalize on the advantages of doing business in the Mid-South region; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce has successfully marketed the City of Goodlettsville as an ideal destination for both businesses and families, and it is wholly fitting that it be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, applaud its members' incalculable contributions to the City of Goodlettsville, and extend to that distinguished institution our heartfelt wishes for success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.